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Attached data was furnished to Legat, Buenos Aires, by Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) on 4/2/76 pertaining to an incident regarding Argentine terrorist activities which occurred last week. (S)

An Argentine citizen who owns a suburban farm in Moreno, Buenos Aires Province, was suspicious of activity at the farm, which was rented to a young married couple. There seemed to be a large number of individuals assembling at the farm. FPA security officers, together with members from the local precinct of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP), decided to check out the farm and were met by gunfire from automatic weapons which resulted in a violent shootout. (S)

Fourteen persons, identified as members of the Workers Revolutionary Party-Workers Socialist Party (PRT/PST), and the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP), an Argentine terrorist organization, were killed during the shootout. Subsequent investigation revealed the farm was being used for a high level policy meeting of the PRT/PST and the ERP, attended by 50-60 ranking leaders of those organizations. These included ERP leaders Mario Roberto Santucho and Domingo Mena, both of whom managed to escape during the shootout. (S)

A large volume of valuable documents, including tapes, were seized at the farm and are currently being processed and analyzed. Argentine Army, which has (S)

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primary responsibility for investigating the ERP, was highly critical of the FPA and BAPP approach, which precipitated the shootout and permitted high-ranking officials of the organizations to escape. (S)

Pertinent data in attached has been disseminated by teletype to Department of State and CIA, as well as to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attn: Internal Security Section.

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ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 1976, THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN WHO WAS THE OWNER OF A SUBURBAN FARM LOCATED IN MORENO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED TO A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE, INDICATING THAT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WERE TAKING PLACE AT THIS FARM; SPECIFICALLY, THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ~~HAD~~ HAD BEEN ASSEMBLYING AT THAT LOCATION. THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY DISPATCHED THREE FPA OFFICERS TO MORENO TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORT. FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICERS CONTACTED THE ~~LOCAL~~ PRECINCT OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) (S)

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JURISDICTION THE FARM IN MORENO FELL, TO ANNOUNCE THEIR IDENTITY AND REQUEST BAPP ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATION. THE BAPP PROVIDED EIGHT OFFICERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS TO THE FARM IN QUESTION. (S)

THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND BAPP OFFICERS APPROACHED THE FARM DIRECTLY AND WERE GREETED BY A HAIL OF BULLETS FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, WHICH RESULTED IN A VIOLENT SHOOTOUT. (S)

FOURTEEN INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES-PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DE TRABAJADORES (WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY-WORKERS SOCIALIST PARTY (PRT/PST) AND THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, WERE KILLED DURING THE SHOOTOUT. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE FARM WAS BEING USED FOR A HIGH LEVEL POLICY MEETING OF THE PRT/PST AND THE ERP WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY BETWEEN FIFTY AND SIXTY RANKING LEADERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ERP LEADERS MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO AND DOMINGO MENA. BOTH SANTUCHO AND MENA MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE SHOOTOUT. A LARGE VOLUME OF VALUABLE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING TAPES, WERE SEIZED (S)

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AT THE FARM AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AND ANALYZED. (S)

THE ARGENTINE ARMY, WHICH HAS THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING AND REPRESSING THE ERP, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE FPA AND BAPP OPEN APPROACH TO THE FARM WHICH PRECIPITATED THE SHOOTOUT AND ALLOWED SANTUCHON MENA AND OTHER RANKING PRT/PST AND ERP OFFICIALS TO ESCAPE. (S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE, FPA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY.] (S)

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